

RULE 124 - RIVER MANAGEMENT AND REGULATIONS

It shall be a violation of these Rules and Regulations, and an infraction/misdemeanor pursuant to the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District Law, (Sections 256 and 369, adopted by the California Legislature by Chapter 986, Statutes of 1981, and Chapter 767, Statutes of 1983, respectively) for any individual to do one or more of the following acts within the Riparian Corridor without a valid permit issued by this District:

- A. Damage, remove, alter, or otherwise injure the riverbank, Riverbed, canal, or reservoir which lies within the Riparian Corridor of the Carmel River, or take water from any canal, ditch, flume, pipe or reservoir installed or operated by the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District.
- B. Damage, remove, alter or otherwise injure any sprinkler or Irrigation System installed or operated by the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District.
- C. Damage, remove, alter, deface, or otherwise injure any sign, barrier, or obstruction erected by the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District upon the riverbank or Riverbed of the Carmel River, or within the Riparian Corridor of the Carmel River.
- D. Damage, remove, or otherwise injure any tree within or upon the riverbank or Riverbed of the Carmel River.
- E. Damage, remove, or otherwise injure native vegetation, excluding poison oak, within the Riparian Corridor.
- F. Construct, alter, damage, or otherwise injure any dike or trail within or upon the Riparian Corridor.
- G. Drive, ride, park or travel in a motorized vehicle upon the riverbank, Riverbed, or Riparian Corridor of the Carmel River without a valid river access permit issued by this District.
- H. Fail, willfully, to observe any sign, marker, warning, notice, or direction which restricts or closes the Carmel River, or any portion of its bed or banks, to motorized vehicles.

The first offense of this rule shall be an infraction, punishable by a minimum fine of five hundred dollars (\$500). The minimum fine may be increased to a maximum of one thousand dollars (\$1,000) based upon the extent of damage caused.

The second offense of this rule shall be a misdemeanor, punishable by a fine not to exceed five thousand dollars (\$5,000), and imprisonment in the county jail not to exceed six months.

Rule added by Ordinance No. 10 (7/26/83); amended by Ordinance No. 14 (11/12/84); Ordinance No. 69 (6/29/93); Ordinance No. 125 (9/18/2006); Ordinance No. 177 (9/18/2017)